

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 231

TRANSFERRING THE HOME ECONOMICS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RENAMING IT FARM HOME RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SECTION (FHRMS) AND REDEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 123 dated 30 January 1987, the Home Economics Division of the then Ministry of Agriculture and Food was absorbed by the Bureau of Women's Welfare of the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, there were many petitions deploring the transfer of the said Home Economics Division to the Bureau of Women's Welfare of the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Department of Social Welfare and Development agreed to revert the Home Economics Division to the Department of Agriculture and to rename it Farm Home Resources Management Section, and to redefine and rationalize its functions;

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary to effect the transfer of Home Economics Division to the Department of Agriculture for efficiency and more prompt delivery of services to the people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the sovereign will of the Filipino people and the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. Attachment. The Home Economics Division shall be detached from the Bureau of Women's Welfare of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and attached to the Agricultural Training Institute of the Department of Agriculture, renaming it Farm Home Resources Management Section, thus amending accordingly Section 22.c. and Section 14.b. of Executive Order Nos. 123 and 116, respectively. Such transfer shall include applicable appropriations, funds, records, equipment, facilities and other assets, as well as the personnel, thereof, as may be necessary.

Section 2. Functions. The Farm Home Resources Management Section shall have the following functions:

- (a) Formulate policies, rules and regulations in the conduct of training for personnel and clientele of the Department of Agriculture along management of farm-house resources;
- (b) Develop and evaluate training curricula/models, and designs, and other materials;
- (c) Test and verify appropriate technologies, innovative approaches relevant to the needs of farm families to enhance farmer's productivity;
- (d) Provide technical assistance to agricultural field personnel and clientele and assist in the conduct of training on:
 - 1. Selective home food production
 - 2. Post harvest activities
 - 3. Processing of farm products
 - 4. Expanded nutrition education for farmers and homemakers
 - 5. Farm home entrepreneurial development for farm family profitability
 - 6. Management of cottage farm-based agricultural projects and organizations with pre-cooperatives status
- (e) Establish/maintain linkages with research and development agencies for dissemination of innovation relevant to improvement of service to farm families to enhance farmer's productivity.

Section 3. Transitory Provision. Upon approval of this Executive Order, the officers and employees of the Home Economics Division Section shall, in a hold-over capacity, continue to perform their respective duties and responsibilities and receive the corresponding salaries and benefits.

The new position structure and staffing pattern for the Farm Home Resources Management Section shall be approved and prescribed by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the approval of this Executive Order.

Those incumbents whose positions are not included therein or who are not reappointed shall be deemed separated from the service. Those separated from the service shall receive the retirement benefits to which they may be entitled under existing laws, rules and regulations. Otherwise, they shall be paid the equivalent of one-month salary of every year of service, or fraction thereof, computed on the basis of the highest salary received, but in no case shall such payment exceed the equivalent of 12 months salary.

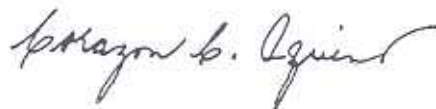
Section 4. Funding. Funds necessary to implement the provisions of this Executive Order shall be covered from the current appropriations of the Department of Agriculture.

Section 5. Implementing Rules. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall issue rules, regulations and issuances as may be necessary to ensure effective implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Approved in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 22nd day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven.



By the President:



JOKER P. ARROYO
Executive Secretary